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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Wayne Co. judge faces misconduct charges stemming from affair

"Charging that he engaged in a sexual relationship and impregnated a woman whose case was before him, the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission filed a formal complaint alleging 21 counts of judicial misconduct against Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County judge accused of sexting from bench, formal complaint filed

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Detroit judge accused of misconduct over affair

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The Oakland Press: Detroit judge Wade McCree accused of misconduct over affair

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Complaint could strip shirtless judge's job

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The Detroit News: Panel: Suspend judge for jailing defense lawyer

"A state disciplinary board is recommending a western Michigan district judge receive a 30-day suspension for sending a defense lawyer to jail for contempt of court. The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission made the recommendation after a Feb. 4 meeting in Detroit.

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Grand Haven Tribune: Commission wants Ottawa County judge suspended

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: Panel finds District Court Judge Ken Post guilty for sending defense lawyer to jail

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: 30-day unpaid suspension recommended for Hudsonville judge

[Full story](#)

WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids: JTC recommends suspending Judge Post

[Full story](#)

WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: 30 day suspension recommended for Judge Post

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Detroit Free Press: Lawyer recovering after attack in courtroom

"A Detroit criminal defense lawyer is recovering after he was attacked Monday by his client in 3rd Circuit Court in Detroit. William Frederick (Fred) Moore, 56, left the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in an ambulance after the 11:20 a.m. attack, the side of his head bruised, according to a report by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Former Highland Park EM pleads no contest to pay dispute case

"... Arthur Blackwell II pleaded no contest to one count of safe keeping of public money, which carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and up to a \$1,000 fine.... A Wayne County Circuit judge dismissed the case in 2011, but a state appeals court later ruled there was enough evidence to reinstate criminal charges against Blackwell."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Highland Park emergency financial manager Arthur Blackwell II pleads no contest to misdemeanor

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The Detroit News: Phoenix police mark 50 years since Miranda arrest

"An arrest in Arizona 50 years ago that led to a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision is the subject of an exhibit that includes the handwritten confession famously thrown out by the nation's highest court. The warning from police that suspects have the right to remain silent sprang, in part, from the arrest of Ernesto Miranda in Phoenix on March 13, 1963."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Investiture

"Newly appointed third Circuit Court Judge Martha Snow and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra at her investiture February 26 at the Colman A. Young Municipal Center. Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Snow to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Gershwin Drain."

Note: No link available.

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Supreme Court justice sees need for election reforms

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack of Ann Arbor says she has enjoyed her first two months on the bench and reports that her new colleagues have all been warm and helpful. But she admits to being humbled recently."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Judge says Grand Rapids teen bank robber 'dodged a bullet' with sentence

"[Kent County Judge Paul Sullivan] called a 17-year-old bank robber 'very lucky' before sentencing him to a year in jail. Andrew Antwone Woods was just 16 when he held up the Fifth Third Bank branch at 2465 Burton St. SE on Nov. 8, implying he had a weapon.... Still, the judge said that sentencing guidelines on Woods' case called for zero to 17 months incarceration -- meaning that time in the Kent County Jail was the most appropriate term."

[Full story](#)

The Holland Sentinel: MY TAKE — New court rules improve Ottawa County jury process

Ottawa County Circuit Court Judge Jon Hulsing writes "We all know that traditions are difficult to change — sometimes for good reason. However, when traditional ways of doing things cause unnecessary delay or fly in the face of common sense, change must be considered."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Michigan Supreme Court to decide whether jury can consider confession elicited by parole agent in armed robbery case

"The Michigan Supreme Court is to decide whether a Jackson County judge was right to allow a jury to consider an armed robbery confession elicited by a parole agent after a parolee told police he wanted an attorney.... The Supreme Court heard both attorneys' arguments last week and is to issue an opinion by July 31, [County Chief Appellate Attorney Jerrold] Schrotenboer said."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Former Judge James Justin sentenced to 18 months probation, ordered to pay \$2,000, do 75 hours volunteer work

"A Circuit judge sentenced former Jackson District Judge James Justin on Wednesday afternoon to 18 months probation, ending an ordeal that began about three years ago. Justin, suspended in July 2010 and removed from the bench last year for misconduct, will have to do 75 hours of volunteer work and pay \$2,000, Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette ordered on March 13."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Project helps courts reach out to those they serve

"There's an old Hollywood adage, attributed to film comedian W.C. Fields, that you should never work with animals or children. In her first stab at producing a video Marcia McBrien violated both rules. The children worked out great. The animals ... not so good. A new online video series called 'Court Stories' aims to tell everyday stories about the good work being done in the Michigan court system."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: The Lincoln lawyer: Judge becomes story-telling 16th president

"Every February, Wayne County 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe of Plymouth dons a stovepipe hat and black suit and becomes a storytelling Abraham Lincoln. And last month, he enjoyed it all the more as he spoke for the first time to law school students at a 'Dinner with Lincoln' presentation."

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The Morning Sun: Editorial: Clare County on right track with security issue

"Providing security in a building that combines county offices and courts can be tricky. A group of Clare County officials is looking into security at the Clare County Building in Harrison."

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The Morning Sun: Gratiot board rescinds vote on PA 88

"... [Commissioner Scott] Showers indicated that he would ask the board next week to rescind 'certain parts' of the resolution concerning courthouse security, while enhancing it. Instead of cancelling the contract as was approved last week in a resolution, the security firm will be kept on - for now."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Justice dons purple: McCormack recipient of award at Tertzag dinner

"... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack was the 2013 recipient of the Purple Sport Coat Award. It was presented to her by last year's recipient, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David J. Allen. She is the first woman to receive the award.... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra was the keynote speaker at the event."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Judge to decide whether in-trial shackles justified for convicted murderer nicknamed after 1920s mobster Frank Nitti

"Was it appropriate for a Saginaw County judge to make a convicted murderer nicknamed after a 1920s-era mobster wear shackles during a 2010 trial? The state Supreme Court has ordered a hearing to find that out about seven months after the state Court of Appeals reversed Charles H. Arthur's convictions in the Nov. 6, 2002, shooting of Nefonzie D. Saunders in Saginaw."

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